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SUBJECT: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA

REF: (A) PARIS 28011; (B) STATE 211443; (C) STATE 203722

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(STATE 212667), PLEASE CONFIRM TO GEORGY THAT WE ACCEPT
PROPOSED NEW DATES OF SEPTEMBER 18-19.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM GEORGY THAT WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A LEAK AND THE AFRICAN REACTION IN THAT EVENT. FYI WE KNOW OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER GOVERNMENT THAT IS ALREADY AWARE OF THE PARIS MEETING. END FYI. ON THE OTHER HAND WE TOO SHARE (STATE 212564) SOME OF GEORGY'S FEARS OVER RISKS OF EXAGGERATED DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS AND POSSIBLE UNWIELDINESS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE ENTAILED IF MEETING IS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE FIVE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS PROVIDING TROOPS IN SHABA.

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5. ADDRESSEES SHOULD PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH THEIR COMMENTS ON QUESTION OF CONSULTING WITH AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS.

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